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Transmitted	herewith	is an	Amendment	in the	above-	identified	application	n.

Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verifie
statement previously submitted.

- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- No additional fee is required.

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	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
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RATE	ADDL. FEE	
x 9=	\$	
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x 9=	\$	
x 43=	\$	0
x 145=	\$	
TOTAL	\$ 0.00	

SMALL ENTITY			
RATE	ADDL. FEE		
x 18=	\$36.00		
x 86=	\$		
x 290=	\$		

\$ 36.00

TOTAL

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## **PATENT**

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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In consideration of the non-final Office Action dated August 13, 2003, Applicants provide the following response thereto:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.